

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is respectfully submitted in response to the official action dated July 23, 2009. Applicant initially notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 59, 61-75, and 154-167 are allowed in this case. In view of this fact, and the above-noted amendments to the Abstract and claims, it is believed to be clear that this application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is therefore respectfully solicited.

Firstly, the Examiner has objected to the Abstract, particularly contending that the language is not clear and concise. However, in view of the above-noted amendments to the Abstract, which are in direct response to the Examiner's objections thereto, it is believed that this objection has now been obviated.

Finally, the only other objection in this case is on the basis of double patenting, stating that present claims 1-26 conflict with claims 1-26 of co-pending Application No.11/599,582. Once again, however, in view of the above-noted cancellation of these claims in the present application, this double-patenting rejection is no longer applicable, and withdrawal of this rejection is therefore also respectfully requested.

It is therefore believed to be clear that all of the remaining claims in this application are in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance of this entire application is respectfully solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner still does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any further objections to the allowance of this application.

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Finally, if there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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